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**Christmas
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A MUSICAL



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Book by John Reeger
Music & Lyrics by Julie Shannon
November 24 - December 9, 2023

Director- **Karla Fishburn**
Assistant Director- **Aaron Wineman**
Music Director- **Eli George**
Vocal Director- **Stephanie Wesley**
Choreographer- **Samantha Whalen**
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THE CHRISTMAS SCHOONER

A New Musical

CAST

Peter Stossel - **Eric Ranke**
Alma Stossel - **Ashley Nugent**
Gustav Stossel - **Michael Spry**
Young Karl / Storyteller - **Eli Nugent / Jude White**
Teen Karl / Storyteller - **Samantha Fewins**
Steve/ Storyteller - **Joseph Truhe**
Oskar / Storyteller - **Cathy Louis**
Rudy / Storyteller - **Russell Gallas**
Martha / Storyteller - **Teresa Hirt**
Olive / Storyteller - **Heather Lockwood**
Kate / Storyteller - **Lily Emery**
Enid / Storyteller - **Kelly Rose**
Mary Claire / Storyteller - **Elyvia Butts / Leah Sluis**
Officer Wells/Storyteller - **Cheryl Gallas**
Storytellers
Jerilyn Fortier, Cheryl Gallas, Brexten Butts

PRODUCTION

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Set Design - **Kerr Anderson**
Props - **Kelly Roberts-Curtis**
Props - **Wendy Roberts**
Costumes - **Kathy Verstraete**
Hair - **Michael Binstead**
Sound Design - **Gary Bolton**
Lighting Design - **Bill Fishburn**
Projections - **Don Kuehlhorn**
Rehearsal Assistant - **Devin Dunlap**

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

We All Have Songs
That's America
The Mummers Are Here
The Blessings of the Branch
The Letter
The Letter (Reprise)
Another Season on the Water
When I Look at You
What Is It About the Water?
The Christmas Schooner
Song of the Hungry Peasants
Winterfest Polka
Loving Sons
The Strudel Waltz
Another Season On The Water (Reprise)
Hardwater Sailors
Questions
When I Look At You (Reprise)
What Is It About the Water? (Reprise)
The Blessings of the Branch (Reprise)
We All Have Songs (Bows)

ORCHESTRA

Music Director
Eli George
Vocal Director
Stephanie Wesley

Julie Gaubatz - Piano
Roland Woodring - Percussion
Dan Jones - Cello
Suzanne Parker - Flute
Sam Clark - Flute

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CAST BIOGRAPHIES



Eric Ranke - *Peter Stossel* - *he/him* - (Occupation - Education Specialist, Miss Dig) OTP: *Something Rotten*



Ashley Nugent - *Alma Stossel* - (Occupation - Mother to Eli and Chet) OTP: *Mamma Mia! Peter Pan, Black & White Gala*



Michael Spry - *Gustav Stossel* - (Occupation - Retired Engineer) OTP: *The Play That Goes Wrong, Something Rotten, The 39 Steps, Silent Sky*



Eli Nugent - *Young Karl* - (Occupation - Student at New Covenant Christian Academy)



Jude White - *Young Karl* - (Occupation - Student at Willow Hill)



Samantha Fewins - *Teen Karl, Storyteller, Dance Captain* - (Occupation - Substitute teacher at North Education Services & Teacher for OTP Young Co.) OTP: *Cinderella, Chicago, SpongeBob the Musical, 22-23 Gala*



Joe Truhe - *Steve/Storyteller* - (Occupation - Retired Attorney) OTP: *Something Rotten, Chicago*



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Cathy Louis - *Oskar/Storyteller* - (Occupation - Retired) OTP: *Ripcord, Something Rotten, Murder on the Orient Express, Cinderella*



Russell M. Gallas - *Rudy/Storyteller* - (Occupation - Retired/part-time driver for Benzie Bus)



Teresa Hirt Jones - *Martha Schneider/Storyteller* *she/her* - (Occupation - Special Education Assistant at TCAPS) OTP: *Something Rotten*



Heather Lockwood - *Olive/Hans/Storyteller* *she/her* (Occupation - Real Estate Broker) OTP: *Something Rotten*



Lily Mae Emery - *Kate/Storyteller* - (Occupation - Student) NCCA - *The Jungle Book, Godspell, Jr., Madeline's Christmas*



Kelly Rose - *Enid/Storyteller* - (Occupation - Assistant Behavior Analyst) OTP: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* Pickney Players: *Children of Eden, Little Women, Annie*



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Lyv Butts - *Mary Claire/Storyteller* - *she/her*
(Occupation - Student) OTP: *Aladdin, School House Rock Live Jr.*



Jerilyn Fortier - *Storyteller/Rose* - (Occupation - RN at Munson Medical Center) OTP: *Grease*



Leah Sluis - *Mary Clair/Storyteller* *she/her* -
(Occupation - Student)



Brexten Butts - *Storyteller* - *he/him* - (Occupation - Middle Schooler) OTP: *Aladdin*



Cheryl Gallas - *Officer Wells/Storyteller* - (Occupation - Retired Middle School Choir Teacher)
Grand Haven: *The Christmas Schooner* - Director/Music Director, OTP: *Fiddler, Kismet, 1776, Fantasticks*



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PRODUCTION



Karla Fishburn

Director, The Christmas Schooner

(Occupation - RN in Utilization Management at Munson Medical Center) *OTP: Something Rotten, The Play That Goes Wrong, Godspell, Mamma Mia!*

Kathy Verstraete - Costume Designer

Costume Construction

**Vickie Green, Diane Hubert, Bradley Roswell,
Gloria Sobkoviak, Carrie Walker,**

Hair/Costume Show Assistants

Cecille Mallon, Carrie May

Kerr Anderson - Set Design

Set Construction/Painting

**Nancy Albrecht, Kerr Anderson, Deb Bowman,
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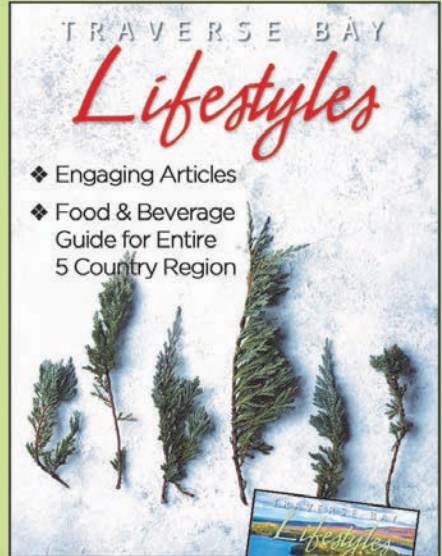
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SAT, FEB 10, 2024 - 2PM

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SUN, MARCH 10, 2024 - 7PM

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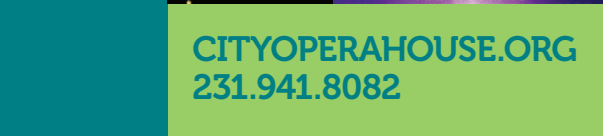
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